(d) There is no proposal for providing any relief to such cultivators

Silk Design cum Research Centre

4957 SHRI YASWANTRAO PATIL Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian silk Export Promotion Council has requested the Union Government to set up a Silk design Cum research Centre,

(b) if so whether the Government propose to set up such a Centre and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) (a) In his speech at the Annual Award Function of the Council held on 24th January 1992 the chairman Indian Silk Export Promotion Council had suggested that Government may allocate funds fo establishment of Silk Design Cum Research Centre under the National Sericulture Project

(b) and (c) The Central Silk Board has already initiated action for establishment o: a Design Centre under the National Sericulture Project at an approximate expenditure of Rs one crore The Centre which is being established at Board's Central Silk Technological Research Institute at Bangalore will have the following sub-units

(i) Design Collection and Documentation (Museum)

(ii) Art Studio

(iii) Operational Research Studies

(iv) Computer Aided Textile Design (CATD) and Colour Matching

(v) Innovation of Woven and printed Designs

Problems of Powerloom Industries

4958 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the powerloom industries are facing problem of raw materials due to steep nce in Polyster filament yarn, Nylon filament yarn, Visoos filament yarn, Acitate filament yam and Coperemonium filament yarn,

(b) the action taken by the Government since January 1991 to control the prices of essential items/products of this industry

(c) the details of the concessions proposed to be provided to the Powerloom and Handloom industnes, and

(d) whether OGL facilitity is proposed to be provided to these industries to enable them to import raw material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) (a) and (b) There have been fluctuations in the prices of filament yarn during the last one year However, in order to keep the prices under check, a meeting was convened by the Ministry of Textiles in October, 91 with the manufacturers of PFY, NFY and VFY and it was impressed upon them to make available yarn to the weavers at reasonable and affordable prices In the January, 1992, Textile Commissioner also convened a meeting with VFY manufacturers and user industry and requested the manufacturers to arrest any further increase in the prices of VFY and bring down the prices

(c) The Government is aware of the development requirement of Powerloom and Handloom Industry During the VIIIth Five

year Plan, which is yet to be finalised, various schemes have been proposed with the development of Powerloom and Handloom Industry.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

[English]

Norms for take over of Firms

4959. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Securities and exchange Board of India has proposed new norms for take over of firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR). (a) and (b) Under section 11 (2) (h) of securities & Exchange Board of India Ordinance 1992, SEBI has been vested with powers for regulating substantial acquisition of shares and take over of companies. Regulations for take over of firms have not yet been proposed to the Government by SEBI

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) & (b) above.

Committee to Review Motor Vehicle Act, 1988

4960. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the high level review committee headed by the Secretary, in the Ministry regarding the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988; and

(b) the details of the recommendations accepted by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Review Committee are the enclosed statement. Almost all the recommendations of the Review Committee with slight modifications have been accepted by the Government.

STATEMENT

Important recommendations of the review Committee on the basis of which changes are proposed to be brought out in the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act are:

- medical certificate need not be insisted upon from the applicants to drive a non-transport vehicle if he has not completed 50 years of age;
- where the applicant for a driving licence fails in the test of competence to drive he may be permitted to appear for a retest after a lapse of 7 days;
- to delete the provision regarding fixing of age of the motor vehicles;
- the power to fix fees conferred on the Central Government under clause (b) of section 64 to be transferred to the rule making powers of the State Government;
- the holder of a permit of an articulated vehicle may use the prime-mover for any articulated vehicle owned by him with a semi-trailer or a prime-mover of any a semi-trailer or a prime-mover of any articulated vehicle either owned by